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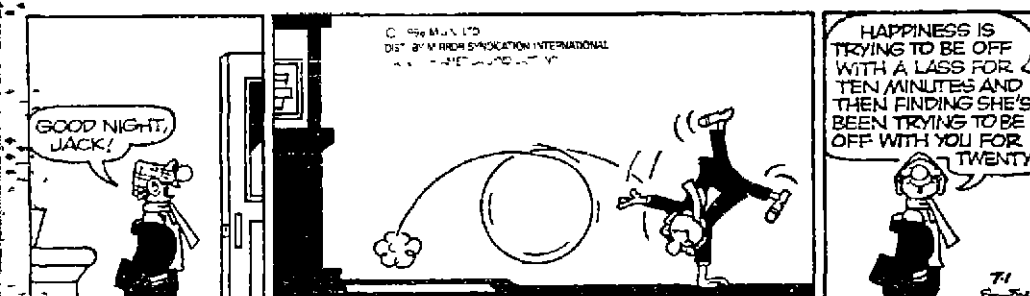
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



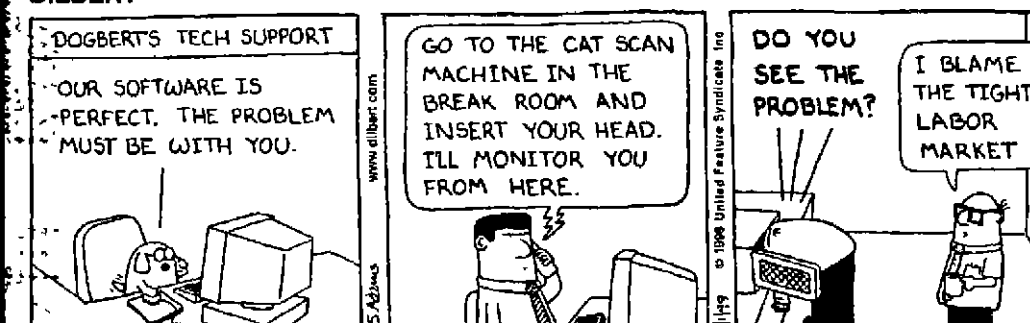
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



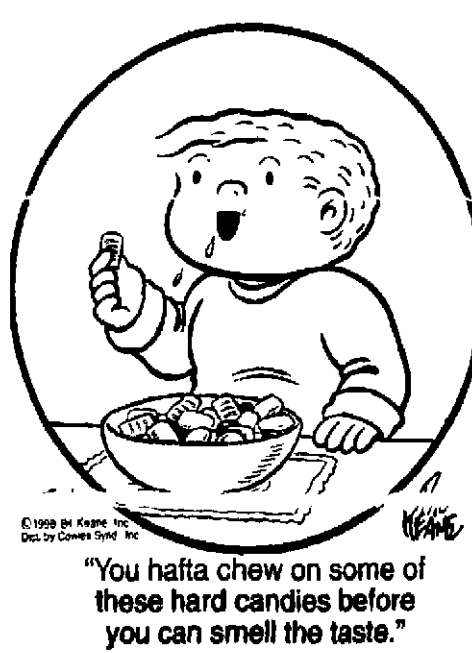
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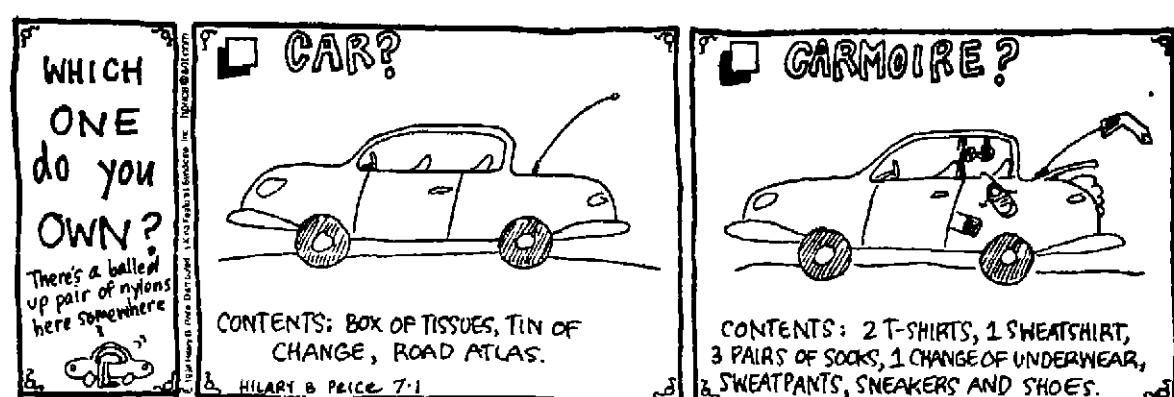
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



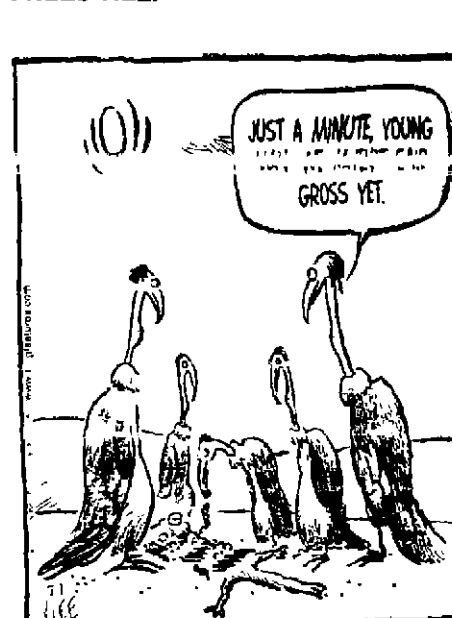
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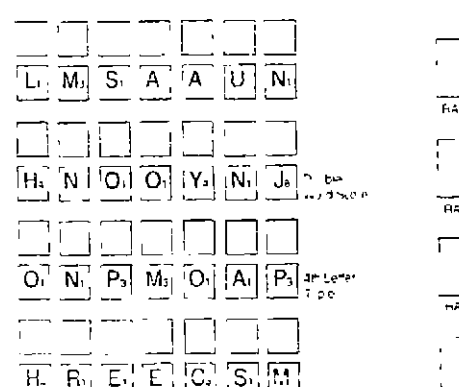
Today's Birthdays

Actress Olivia de Havilland is 82. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 67. Actress Jean Marsh is 64. Movie director Sydney Pollack is 64. Movie producer-director Claude Berri is 64. Actor Jamie Farr is 64. Bluesman James Cotton is 63. Cookie entrepreneur Wally Amos is 62. Actor Daryl Anderson is 47. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 46. Actor Alan Ruck ("Spin City") is 42. Actress Pamela Lee is 31. Actress Liv Tyler is 21.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 145-155

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add up the points for each word. The highest score wins. All words get at least one point. Bonus: Find a word that contains all four vowels. All words must be in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. No plurals, proper nouns, or OWS. Official Score: 145-155. Judd's solution tomorrow.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Bush -

K Y V R H N K G C Z V S P L I
E B Y V R P M O L I F C Z W T
Q N K I F C A Z W F P U R P M
J H E C Z X S R U I S Q N L J
G E C Z X V T T G R T O L I P
R P N L J H E B E E C C A Y W
V T R P K N R U K G L L K I G
E C B Z X C B C G N O E N W U
S R P O M L A K O A V A T A H
J I G E D J B H H R E B A Y M
X W U T S Q Y P W B R L O N L

Tuesday's unlisted clue: BOXING

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: AIRPLANE OPERATOR

Baby	Fire	League	Ranger
Bean	Hat	Man	Telegraph
Buck	Hog	Master	Whack
Clover	Jacket	Pig	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, July 2, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Summon up your most charming smile, use it to convince someone that you're right.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be sure to make time for yourself, even requires rearranging your schedule.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's an excellent time for creative brainstorming and intellectual thinking.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) For once, sensation is more important than hard thought. Make the most of the decadent period by enjoy with someone special.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are inspired to learn things. Thus, it is a great time to gather information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Rather than argue with someone close to you, indulge his or her desires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) While it's your nature to nurture others, it's a point to look after yourself for a change. Others will be even more attracted to your new, centered, self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Solutions are elusive, so you should postpone making important decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The love and support of another you advance farther than you would have on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Roll up your sleeves and put in some much-needed groundwork. Your public reputation might cause you some concern.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Dream up some new ways of putting thoughts into action. The key might lie in being willing to ask for help or vice from a relative.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A troubling mystery is finally solved. Now you can decide what to do about the situation.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"We were victims of our system," lamented a dejected South. "Had you not used Stayman, there would have been no lead-directing double. I would have had an easy time against any other lead." Was that all there was to the story? East doubled North's artificial bid to suggest a club lead if South became declarer. East's enterprise paid a huge dividend. Not only did East get a club lead, but South's disdain for impending danger tossed the game away.

West dutifully led his club jack, and East wisely signaled with his seven instead of winning the trick. Fearlessly, South took his club queen and crossed to dummy to run the diamond queen. If lost to West's king, and another club lead through dummy's 10-8-6 gave East four club winners, beating the game one trick. Would it have been better for North not to use the Stayman Convention? No. Had he not used it, he would have given up the chance of finding a possible heart game. The fault South's defeat lay not with the convention, but with his careless play. After being warned of the danger in clubs, South could have defanged the defense easily by refusing to win his club queen a trick one. West would continue the suit for two more club wins but after the diamond finesse lost, West would have to surrender conceding nine winners for South.

NORTH 021

♠ A J
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ Q 10 7
♣ 10 8 6 2

WEST EAST

♠ 10 9 8 6 ♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ Q J 4 ♥ 10 3 2
♦ K 5 3 2 ♦ 4
♣ J 5 ♣ A K 9 7

SOUTH

♠ K Q 7
♥ A K 6
♦ A J 9 8 6
♣ Q 3

Vulnerable East-West

Dealer: South

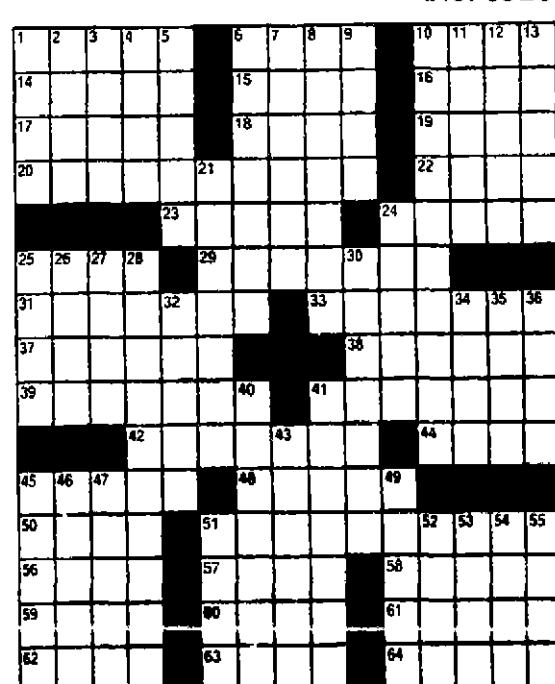
The bidding

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Dbl
2 ♣	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead Clubjack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0520



Puzzle by Frederick T. Butler

ACROSS

- 1 Plays a round
6 U.S.A.F. NCO
10 Pianist Myra
14 Sanctuaries
15 Subscription length, often
16 Sept.-plus one
17 Young pig
18 React to yeast
19 — Tower (San Francisco landmark)
20 Monkey business
22 Radius neighbor
23 Rajah's wife
24 Churchill's trademark
25 Beat to a pulp

DOWN

- 29 Open as a bag
31 Job for TV's Quincy
33 Oater settings
37 Hold gently
38 St. Thomas a — (martyred archbishop)
39 Hollow-eyed
41 Place
42 Safeguarded
43 Kind of analyst
44 Dangle a carrot in front of
48 They may be fair or square
50 Melange
51 Chicken Little's friend
56 Look after

DOWN

- 1 More than a scrape
2 Watchmen's watchdog? Abbr.
3 "Lolita" star Sue
4 Criticism
5 One with Don Juanism
6 Despotism
7 Tuna trappers
8 O-rings, e.g.
9 Rare trick taker
10 Trickery
11 Gastroenteritis cause
12 Entrapment
13 Lucifer
21 Hesitant ones
24 Man's man
25 Speed ratio
26 Mystique
27 For guys
28 Miscellany

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAPRI EGG PATTY
UNION SIR OMAMA
STEMS ALL LAXER
PERPETUALMOTION
SCI SLIP
ISH TAX EXOTICA
NCAA RIG NONOS
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
MUNTO UNE KITTE
ATTIMES ALIF IAN
OPIE OUR
PROGRAMMINGAVCR
EELER IAN EEVERY
AMINO LIT EERRY
SINEW ELO SLOBS

- 30 With keen interest
32 Infiltrator, perhaps
34 Acceptable
35 Acquires in the end
40 Dons one's Sunday best
41 Occasions for holding hands
43 Not do as promised
45 Damage beyond repair
46 Plaintive piece
47 Bush-league
48 Bushman's weapon
51 "Very funny!"
52 Glamour competitor
53 "Well done!"
54 Neighbor of Minn
55 Cravings

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